

SENATE RESOLUTION No. ____

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED RESOLUTION

A SENATE RESOLUTION celebrating thirty years of sister-statehood between Indiana and Taiwan.

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SENATE RESOLUTION

MADAM PRESIDENT:

I offer the following resolution and move its adoption:

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Whereas, Indiana has a strong cultural and economic relationship with Taiwan. In 1979, Indiana was the first state to establish a sister-state relationship with Taiwan, and the first state to establish a trade office in Taiwan;

Whereas, Numerous sister-city relationships between Taiwanese and Hoosier cities have developed with the growing bond between Indiana and Taiwan. The City of Taipei has been a sister-city of Indianapolis since 1978;

Whereas, Indiana and Taiwan have formed a Sister-State Partnership Committee that promotes understanding and cooperation between the citizens of Indiana and Taiwan. The relationships fostered by this committee have resulted in Taiwan's importation of over \$99 million worth of chemicals, machinery, and agricultural products from Indiana annually;

Whereas, Taiwan's economy has flourished in conjunction with Indiana's economy to become the 17th largest economy in the world. With a labor force of over 10.6 million, and



consumer price inflation at only about 2.3%, Taiwan has a strong and healthy economy;

Whereas, Indiana and Taiwan both started from agricultural-based societies, developed into industrial-based societies, and advanced to become technology-based societies leading industries on the cutting-edge of chemical engineering and biotechnology; and

Whereas, Together Indiana and Taiwan have grown and evolved to become integral cogs in a globalized economy: Therefore,

*Be it resolved by the Senate of the
General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*

1 SECTION 1. That the Indiana Senate celebrates thirty years of
2 sister-statehood with Taiwan.

3 SECTION 2. The Secretary of State is hereby directed to send a
4 copy of this Resolution to Indiana Governor Mitch Daniels and
5 Director General Perry Shen of the Taipei Economic and Cultural
6 Office in Chicago.

